THE TIMES DAILY SERIAL STORY.

The Fighting Blade

By BEULAH MARIE DIX

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Synopsis of Preceding Chapters. Symopsis of Preceding Chapters.
On an April evening in the year 1852, in the English town of Oxford, Wast duagrove provokes a challenge to a duel tom a German youth whom he than finds a von Kerstenbroock, reputed to be a hercilese and invincible duellst. Warfaster, Thomsine Rusgrove, a 18-year-old naid who is betrothed to the Viscount arrisford learns of the impanding danler to Wat, through his wife, Charlotte, he daughter of the Earl of Staversham, and half sister to Thomsine's prospective numbers. Resolved upon saving him by uppealing herself to the formidable German, she disguises herself as a boy, and it midniyst makes her way to his lodgings. Astro her entreaties are received with diaguat and she is finally silenced by occe. with diagnet and she is manily silenced by force.

Von Kerstenbrecck sets out for the dusting piace, leaving Thomatne in charge of the inn drawer. She, however, bribes the drawer, and, unknown to Von Kerstenbrock, leads him off in the wreak direction. The two become lost in a mist, and Von Kerstenbrock, learning her sex, gives Thomaine his protection, they step to rest at an inn, to which come a troop of rebels, headed by Frans Pierrepont, an old acquaintance of the German's. The latter joins them and cends Thomaine home. On leaving the gives him a slaterly kim of graditude. On her raturn Thomaine finds herself disheared and her story not believed. The wedding is postponed and Carisford is killed. Thomaine continues to drawn of Von Kerstenbroook who, meanwhile, heavertend united and contract for the mar-

E did not add, "to thee," but she read it in the lingering glance of the eyes that she half had

to mine hands. And give me ne hands again, I can bring myself

"So! I will not, little Vixen." She did not lose the sudden gesture, t out a hand toward her. "Tell me," she thought to tread on

rafer ground by speaking thus in idisthee in the days when they did name

My father? Truth, he called me

'And what is that?" "In English, little devil."
Thomsine smiled, her wide and flash nd on his father's. "But I cannot call thee that," she

name. He found it hard to think with-

As you would say in your tongue, haply, Charlie. But that is not my name,
he hastily assured her.
He might endure to be called Castingbroke, but to find himself Englished
into Charlie Castingbroke were intol.

Charlie Castingbroke were intol erable.
"Karichen," Thomsine lingered on the

word.

He had not realized whither his chance words should lead him. He looked at her with wide eyes, where pain and pleasure and something close akin to awe were blended.

"Dost thou know," he said, "thou art the first in long to call me Karichen? "Twas my sister ever would call me the head with a club. Their house was the selection of the head with a club. Their house was the selection of the head with a club. Their house was the head with a club.

"Thy sister?" Thomsine's thought leaped to a misty twilight, under drip-ping willows in a meadow hard by Ox-

Grown older, she had remembered Von Grown older, she had remembered von Kerstenbroocks "little sister" as one to whom, in some sort, she had owed much at that crucial hour, "I were right fain," she spoke, "one day to greet thy sister." "She is dead."

"She is dead."
He did not look at her, but he nursed his right wrist—the wrist that killed—in his other hand, as if he loved it.
The day that should have been his anging day had broken misty. By the mid-morning rain had begun to trickle down.

Now they could hear, as they sat in that chamber, full of strange and pungent odors, the slow spatter of water-drops that dripped from the eaves and atreaked athwart the mullioned win-

dows.

Presently, after a long pause, Von Kerstenbroock looked at her and spoke.

"Thou wast betrothed to Carisford?"
She was reminded of his old pistolwise fashion of explosion, to her exceeding terror, a year ago. She smiled faintly—the shadow of a smile.

They betrothed me, yea."

"Thou didst love him?"

Thomsaine let her eyes stray to the rain-splashed window.

"He died bravely, that poor Carisford.

ford.
"The manner of his death I did not question. But didst thou love him?" Again that quick repressive gesture, hich she marked, of his hand reached

which she marked, of his hand reached out to her.

"Tell me, liebe Vixen!"

"One time," she said slowly, "I loved my brother Wat. And I loved my good Aunt Eustasis, and now I love Joan Laycock. That is all."

He looked at her, with eyes and lips grown wonderful.

"So!" was all that he said. Only this was yet in a different way from the many ways in which she had heard him say it.

many ways in which she had heard him say it.

Two of the clock! The rain still flickered past the dripping windows.

"Twill be a darksome night," Van Kerstenbroock spoke blithely, across the food that Joan had just fetched in.

"Twill serve my turn rarely. I know the spot where I may scale the wall."
Suddenly he looked on Thomsine.

"Kleine gute Vixen! Thou are not so afraid for me?"

"Oh, no!" she said, and blinked the afraid for me?"
"Oh. no." she said, and blinked the footish tears from her eyes. "Only I am—I know not wherefore—I am—"
"Aye." he comforted. "Thou art wearled. But this night thou must

"Bleep?" she said. "And he out yonder in the dark and the storm, where the hunters provided?"

For a wild moment she could have flung her arms about him and besought him stay. Oh, dream made real! how could she let him go? She pushed the food from her.
"I am not hungered," she smiled upon him wanly. "Thou must eat my share."

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hand and found it, and for a second pressed it to his cheek. "Liebes Herziein!" he said, beneath his breath.
"I wish," she chided sadly, "that thou wouldst speak in English."
Twelve o' the clock and midnight!
The casements creaked under the lash of the wind-driven rain. On the hearth the shovelful of herbs still smoked and the reek of them was neavy in the

chamber.

I pon the sight of Thomsine, wakeful how many hours already, wakeful as she felt she must be for so many tortured hours to come, loomed Joan Laycock, risen from her great chair.

"Is that lad waking or no?" Joan

the rest is easy."

He held out his hand. "God speed thee well, old Joan!"

He owed her much. By right he should have kissed her, with respect. But he did not, for he had no chance. Instead Joan kissed him, squarely. That, at least, she was little able to applying afterward on the score of his explain afterward on the score of his politics. She scuttled back to her chair

politics. She scuttled back to ner chair and subsided.

In the dim firelight Von Kerstenbroock laid hand on Thomsine's hand.

"Lebe wohl! Eternally God keep thee. liebe kleine Vixen!"

Her hands clung. Her gasping lips could shape no sound.

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A second thus, and then befell what she might well have known was sure to fall. Honestly he had striven with himself. But the man was only man, and he went, as he best knew perhaps for all time.

He swooped to her suddenly, and on the wind of his impetus she rose to her knees upon the bed. His arms were around her. Her breast was strained against his yearning body.

She sensed that waves were thundering over her, that flames rose suffocating around her. She felt his lips hot upon her throat, her cheek.

"Carisford," the thought flashed through her mind, "Carisford kissed not thus!"

"Thou art mine!" his voice thickened, with his hips against her lips. "Little sweet Vixen, mine! No other man shall take three. Mine, and my wife this hour, as God looks on us.

"Mine, as men shall see, when I come to thee again. Little, dear heart of my heart! Say the words. Let me hear thee say: I am thy wife."

"Thy wife!" she whispered, unresisting. Does a straw resist when it is whirled on a stream in spate?

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"And my love! Herzallerliebste! Let me hear thee say it!"
"Thy love-only thine-all to thee, Karlchen-my Karlchen!"
She laid her arms about his neck. She drew him down. Her hands were on his tumbled hair. She felt the roughness of his unshaven face against her breast. She raised her eyes to the dark above her. "O God!" she dumbly prayed. "If I could hold him thus, against my heart

"By no means." he answered.

"What doth they friend, Jack Aubrsy, call thee?"

He drew his brows together at the mame. He found it hard to think without a pang of Aubrey, who had turned his back and left him to the tender offices of Erisey.

"Jack? Oh! aforetime he would call me Karlchen."

"What doth Karlchen mean?"

He hedged. He had no thought to stand in those ruddy eyes of hers as "little chap."

"I said Karlchen. 'Tis the little name from Karl, which they christened me. To the first head of peril, his face had whitely turned to the corridor.

Did she dream that, even on the edge of peril, his face had whitely turned to the corridor.

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